

UCSD Library receives \$810,000 in year-end gifts

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The University of California, San Diego Library has received two major private year-end gifts totaling \$810,000 to develop its collections in the social sciences, the humanities, and for collections for the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies.

Florence Riford, a La Jolla philanthropist and major UCSD donor, has given a \$500,000 trust for a general endowment for the humanities.

Another gift of \$310,000 came from an anonymous donor, with half marked for the social sciences and the other half to further the collection for the new graduate school.

Earlier gifts have enabled the library to pass the halfway point in its drive to raise \$2.625 million in matching funds for a challenge grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"These are very generous gifts that will enhance the UCSD Library collections and provide students, faculty and the community with greater library resources than would otherwise be possible," said Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson. "The gifts also bring us closer to completing our NEH matching grant providing an endowment that will permanently contribute to the enrichment of our library holdings in the humanities."

In December of 1986 the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded an \$875,000 challenge grant to UCSD--the largest humanities grant in the history of the campus.

The terms of the challenge grant required that the library raise three times the amount of the award in a three-year period, for a total of \$2,625,000. The library still needs about one million dollars during the next two years to complete the NEH challenge.

Challenge grant monies are not intended for operating funds, but are meant to assist in developing long-term capital resources for the humanities.

"These gifts are two of the most important gifts the library has ever received," said University Librarian Dorothy Gregor. "Two factors will make the difference between a good and a great library at UCSD--the size of our endowment, and the gift of collections, such as the Hill Collection of Pacific Voyages. The NEH challenge grant is a major step in building our endowment."

In 1986 Riford made a gift of \$100,000 to the library in honor of Philippine President Corazon Aquino.

Additional gifts by Riford to the UCSD campus have been directed toward biomedical research and include the establishment of an endowed professorship in Alzheimer's disease research, and an endowed professorship in AIDS research.

Other projects receiving her support have included the UCSD Institute for Research on Aging, Departments of Plastic Surgery, Ophthalmology, and Pathology. She has also provided funds for the purchase of a van and research equipment for osteoporosis research.

"I am delighted to help UCSD take advantage of the National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant," Riford said. "It has become apparent to me that many of the most important issues facing our society are of a moral, ethical, social and legal nature. This grant will enable UCSD to increase its library holdings in the humanities, which have a long history of examining and addressing these issues."

At the same time she gave a gift of real property worth in excess of \$500,000 to establish the Florence Seeley Riford Chair for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Research.

Mrs. Riford has also supported several other UCSD projects, including a gift of more than \$1 million to establish the Florence Riford Chair for Alzheimer's Disease Research, and the remainder for construction funds for the Institute for Research on Aging, a Mobile Osteoporosis Unit, and further development of the Departments of Ophthalmology and Pathology, and the Division of Plastic Surgery.

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